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PATENT
450100-03081IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Yoichiro Tauchi et al.
 Serial No. : 09/817,515
 For : MAGNETIC TAPE RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD,
 MAGNETIC TAPE READING APPARATUS AND METHOD,
 RECORDING MEDIUM USED THEREWITH, AND FORMAT FOR
 MAGNETIC TAPE
 Filed : March 26, 2001
 Examiner : Nguyen, Huy Thanh
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
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Claims as Amended

| (1) | (2) Claims remaining after amendment | (3) | (4) Highest number previously paid for | (5) Present extra | (6) Rate | (7) Additional Fee |
|---|--|-------|--|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Total claims | 10 | Minus | ** = 20 | * 0 x | \$50 (25) | = \$ 0.00 |
| Independent claims | 6 | Minus | *** = 7 | * 0 x | \$200 (100) | = \$ 0.00 |
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- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360 (180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
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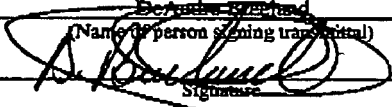
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 9, 2005 having a three-month
statutory period for response set to expire on August 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins
on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.